It is further DECREED, that the defendant Lyde Griffith, pay to the complainants their costs, amounting, as taxed by the register, to \$224.

The defendant appealed, and the Court of Appeals, at June term, 1816, affirmed the decree.

After which the plaintiffs, by their petition, stated that although they had given the defendant notice thereof, he had not complied therewith. Whereupon they prayed process to enforce obedience, (b) upon which it was, on the 26th of June, 1816, ordered that an attachment issue as prayed; and it was issued accordingly.

The defendant, on being taken into custody and brought before the court, put in his answer on oath, in which he admits, that he had been served with a copy of the affirmed decree as set forth; but he states, that it was agreed that they should have a meeting, at another time and place, when the terms of the decree should be complied with on both sides; and the plaintiffs then admitted, that they had in their possession property to which the defendant was entitled, which they promised to deliver up; and they also admitted that the defendant was entitled to credits which had not been given to him; that the defendant attended for some hours on the day, and at the place appointed, and the plaintiff not appearing, he went home, soon after which the plaintiff came to the defendant's house, having the negro girl, mentioned in the decree, with him, for the purpose, as he said, of delivering her up; and soon after they went upon the land in the possession of Thomas Henry, a tenant of the plaintiff's, when the plaintiff pulled down a part of the fence, rode into the field, and desired the defendant to take possession of the land, if he knew where it was, observing, that a part of, it was in that field, and another part in woods; that the plaintiff did not pretend to deliver possession of any particular part, or to turn his tenant out of possession, who then persisted in holding possession until the expiration of his lease in November following; the plaintiff soon after went off, taking with him the negro girl; that the plaintiff has been enjoined by this court not to dispute the possession of his tenant. That the defendant is a citizen of, and resides in Montgomery county, which has been the place of his residence for several years; and the attachment was served

⁽b) 1785, ch. 72, s. 25, repealed by 1818, ch. 193, s. 4.